STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1984

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March, 1985

To Her Honour
The Honourable Helen Hunley
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta

Your Honour:

I have the privilege to transmit the Annual Report of the Students Finance Board for the period from April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984.

I remain your obedient servant

Dick Johnston
Minister of Advanced Education

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REPORT OF THE STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1984.

The Students Finance Board, which is comprised of nine public members and two students representatives, is appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education. The Board is charged with the responsibility of administering Alberta's student aid programs, including the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. The Board also acts in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Advanced Education on matters relating to student financial assistance.

During this reporting period, the number of students assisted by the Students Finance Board continued to increase. 37,247 students received assistance amounting to $146,337,214 under the Board's need-based programs in 1983/84, compared to 30,241 students receiving assistance which amounted to $92,961,874 during the previous reporting period.

Under the Alberta Heritage Scholarship program, 6,164 scholarship recipients received awards totalling $9,059,841.

With the approval of amendments to the Students Finance Regulations, during 1983/84, provision was made for:

- an increase in the value of graduate scholarships from $7,200 to $8,100, and graduate fellowships from $8,400 to $9,300, and

- an increase in the number of United World College Scholarships from 4 to 8.

In May, the Students Finance Board held meetings with student representatives and student awards personnel from across the province. These annual meetings provide the opportunity for the discussion of issues relating to student financial aid which are of common concern.

The Students Finance Board would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to those Albertans who have served on the various committees of the Board throughout the 1983/84 year.

Respectfully submitted,

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K. CUSVELLER
P. DUCHARME
T. HABERMAN
A. HAUPTMAN
M. HOLMES
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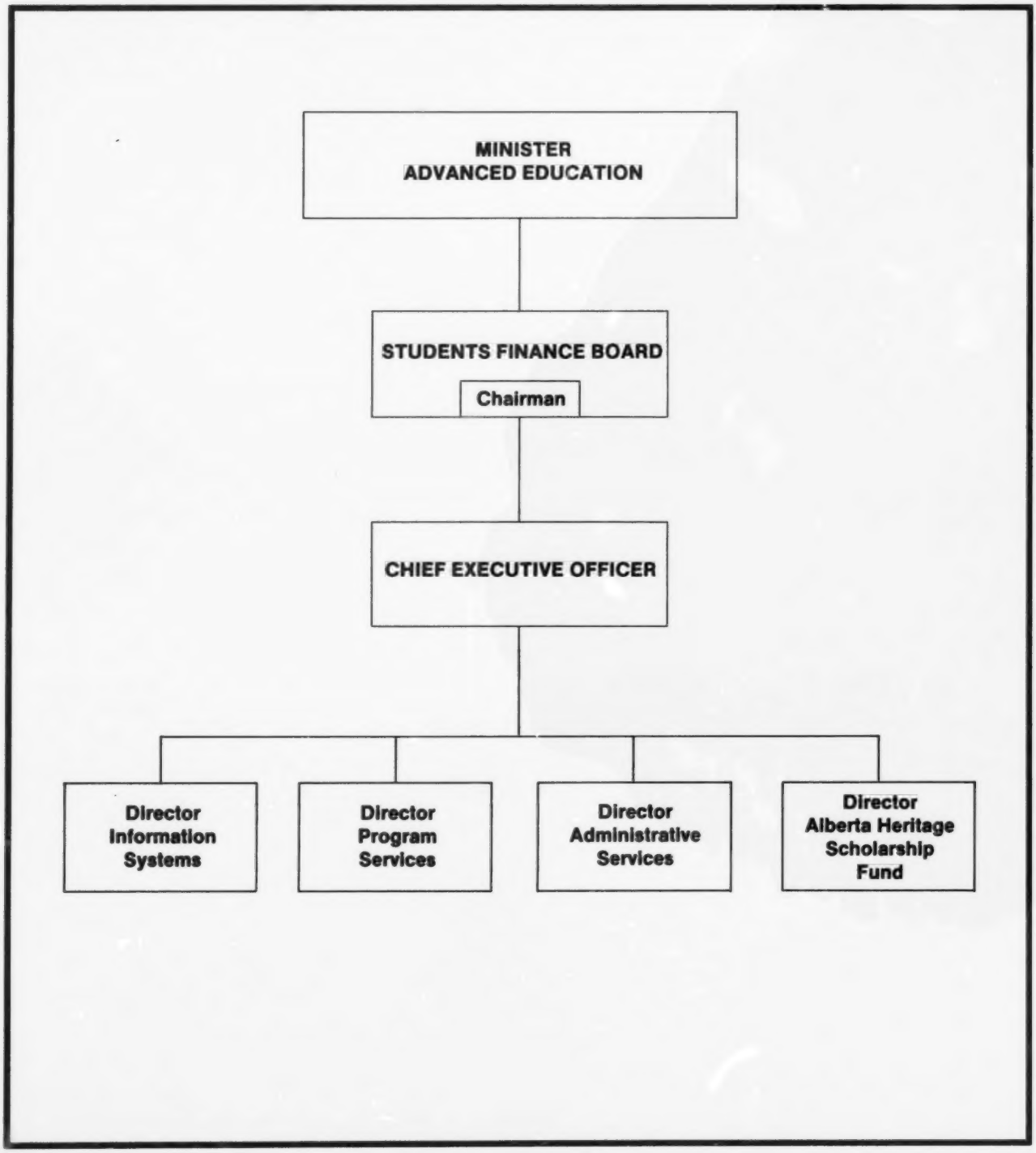
STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Organization Chart
1 April 1984



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Committees
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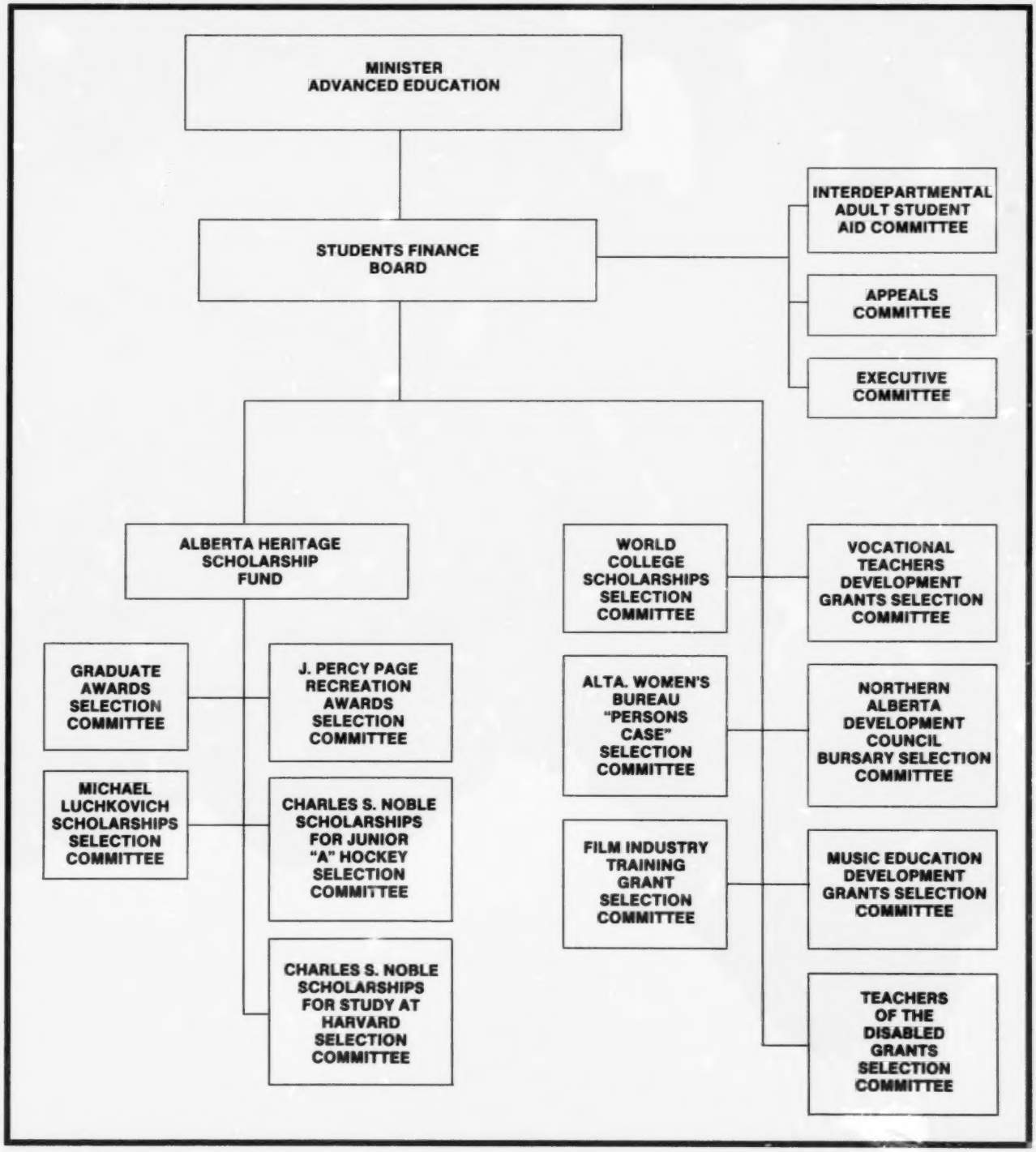
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NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARY SELECTION COMMITTEE
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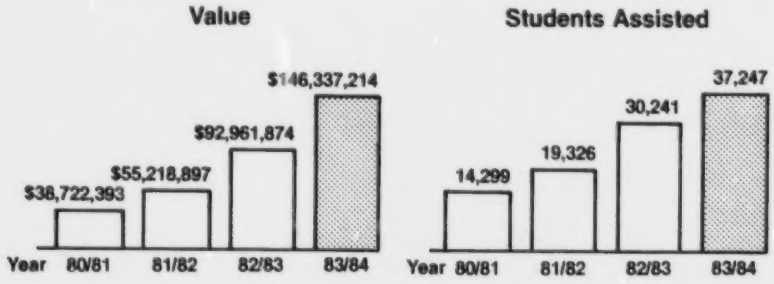
NEED-BASED ACTIVITIES — HIGHLIGHTS

1. Summary of Total Need-Based Assistance 1981-1984



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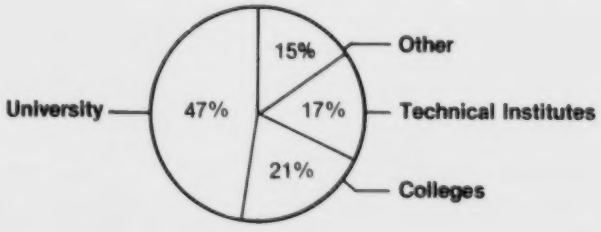

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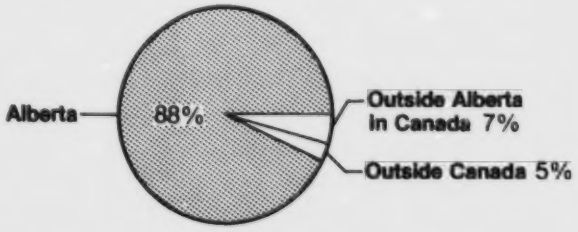


NEED-BASED AWARDS

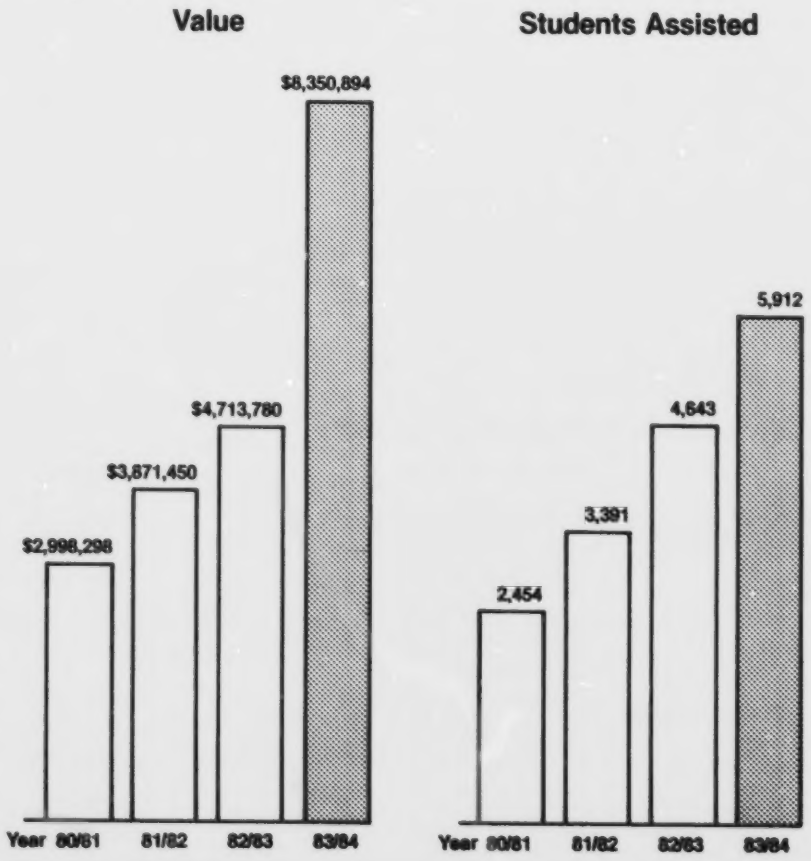
ALBERTA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY EQUALIZATION GRANTS

Value: up to $2,000 per academic year

These grants may be provided to help offset the additional costs incurred by dependent students whose programs of study are not available within normal commuting distance of their parents' homes. To be eligible for these grants, students must demonstrate financial need. The grant forms part of the student's total award.

There were 5,912 students assisted under this program in 1983-84, amounting to a total expenditure of $8,350,894.

Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grant Assistance 1981-1984



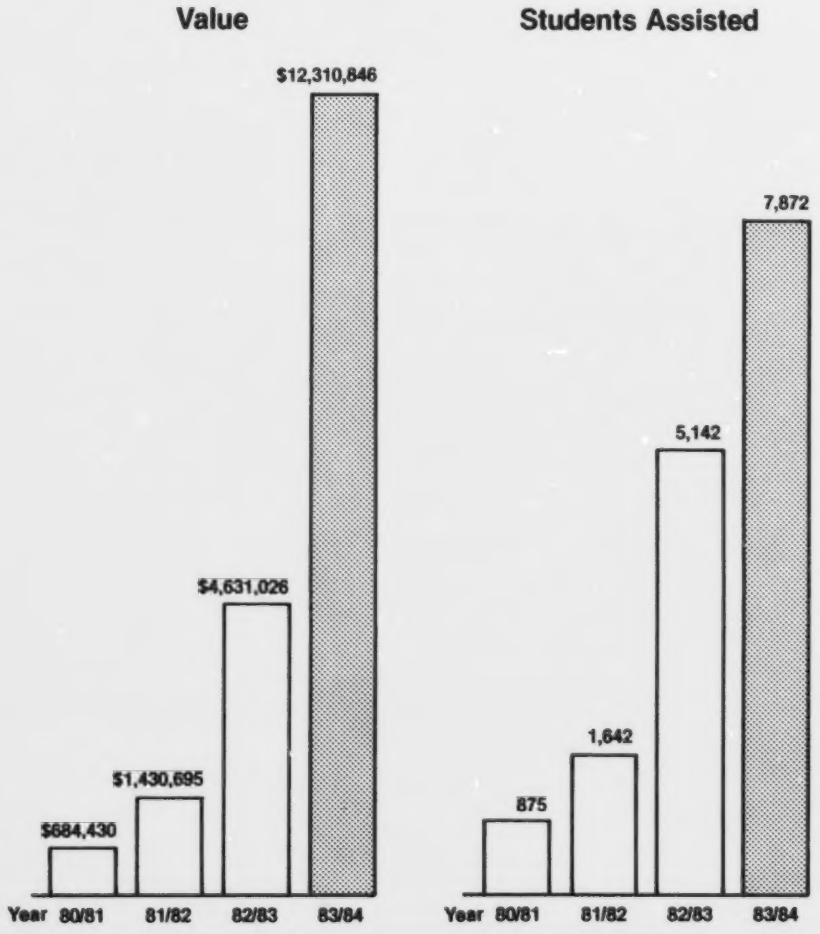
SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Value: up to $2,500 per academic year

Supplemental assistance grants were established to aid those undergraduate students demonstrating a need for assistance which exceeds the $4,300 loan maximum per academic year. Further grant assistance may be available to students who are enrolled in years of study which are longer than the normal academic year.

There were 7,872 students assisted under this program in 1983-84, amounting to a total expenditure of $12,310,846.

Supplemental Assistance Grant
Assistance 1981-1984



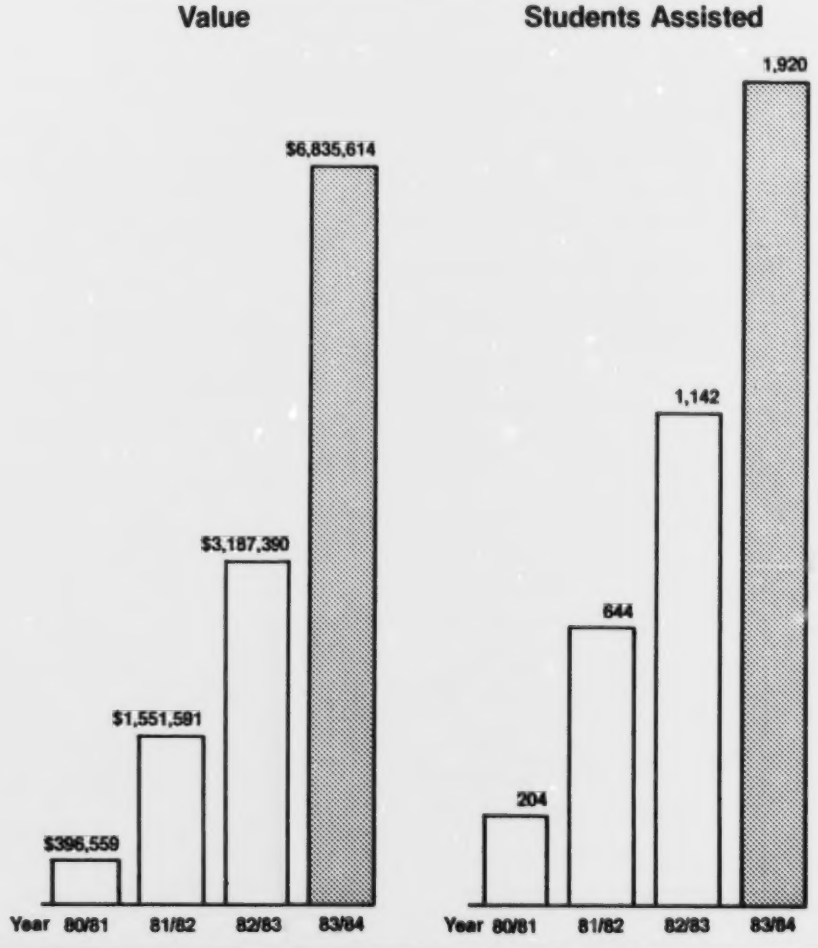
MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Value: up to $6,000 per academic year

The maintenance grant program was established to ensure that students with special needs have the opportunity to acquire undergraduate degrees. Students considered for these grants are those who do not have normal prospects of completing their education without assistance in addition to that provided under other programs, e.g. disabled persons and single parents. To be eligible for maintenance grant assistance, a student must be receiving a minimum loan of $1,000 under the Guaranteed Loans program.

There were 1,920 students assisted under this program in 1983-84, amounting to a total expenditure of $6,835,614.

Maintenance Grant Assistance 1981-1984



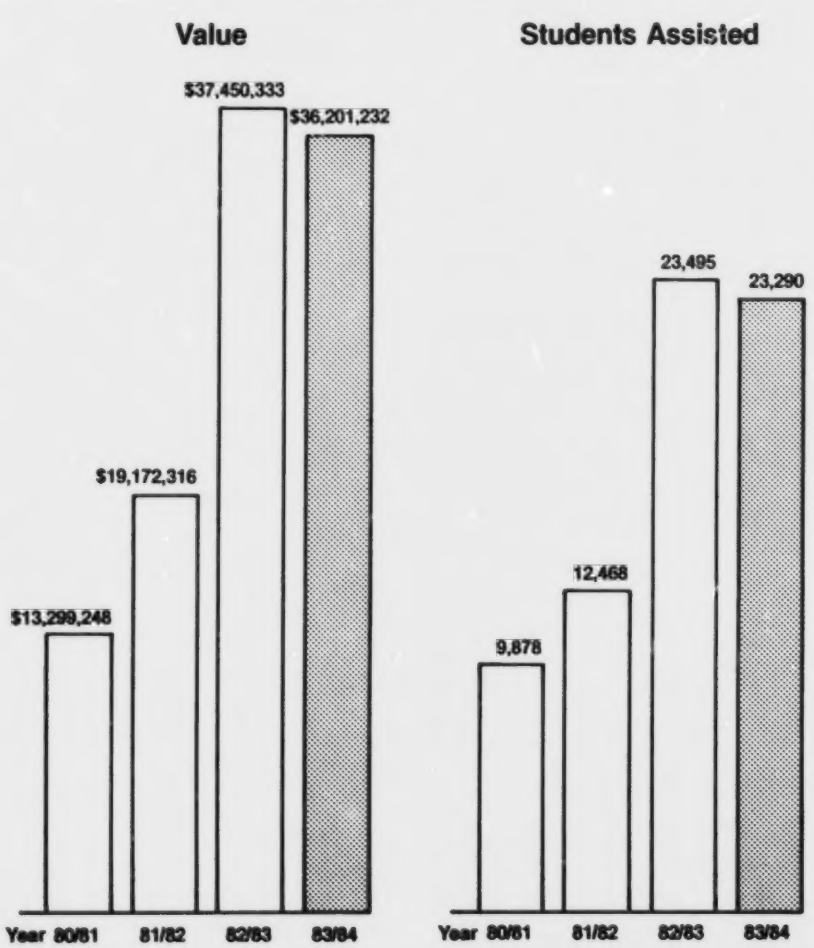
PROVINCIAL GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS

This program was implemented by the Province in 1969 to supplement the assistance available to Alberta students under the Canada Student Loans Program.

The interest on these loans is paid by the Province for six months after the individual ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes reponsibility for principal and interest payments.

There were 23,290 students assisted under this program in 1983-84, amounting to a total expenditure of $36,201,232.

Provincial Guaranteed Student Loan Assistance 1981-1984



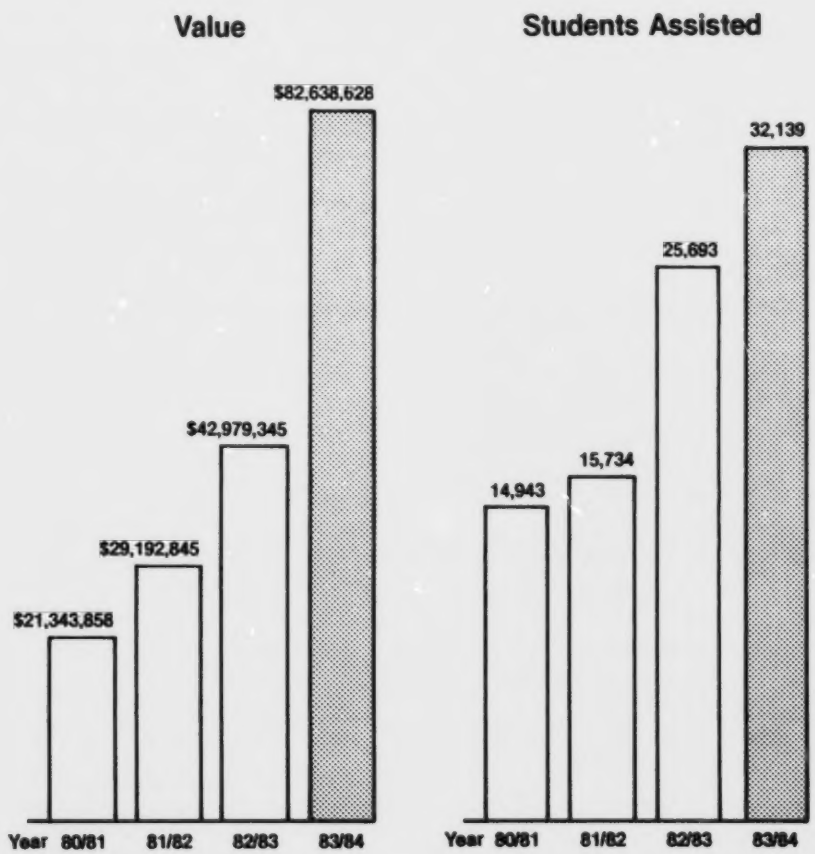
CANADA STUDENT LOANS

The Canada Student Loans Program was established in 1964. The Students Finance Board is the designated authority for the administration of these loans in Alberta.

The interest on these loans is paid by the federal government for six months after the individual ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes responsibility for principal and interest payments.

In 1983-84, a total of 32,139 students were issued Canada Student Loans amounting to $82,638,628.

Canada Student Loan Assistance 1981-1984



REMISSION PROGRAM

The remission program was implemented by the province in 1971. Remission is that portion of a student's loan which may be repaid by the Province of Alberta on the student's behalf when the student has ceased to be a full-time student.

Students qualify for remission if the following conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Students Finance Board:

- savings were adequate in relation to earnings;
- a reasonable contribution has been made by parents, spouse or sponsor;
- full-time enrollment was maintained during the period for which assistance was provided;
- the initial arrangements for repayment of student loans have been made i.e. loans have been consolidated.

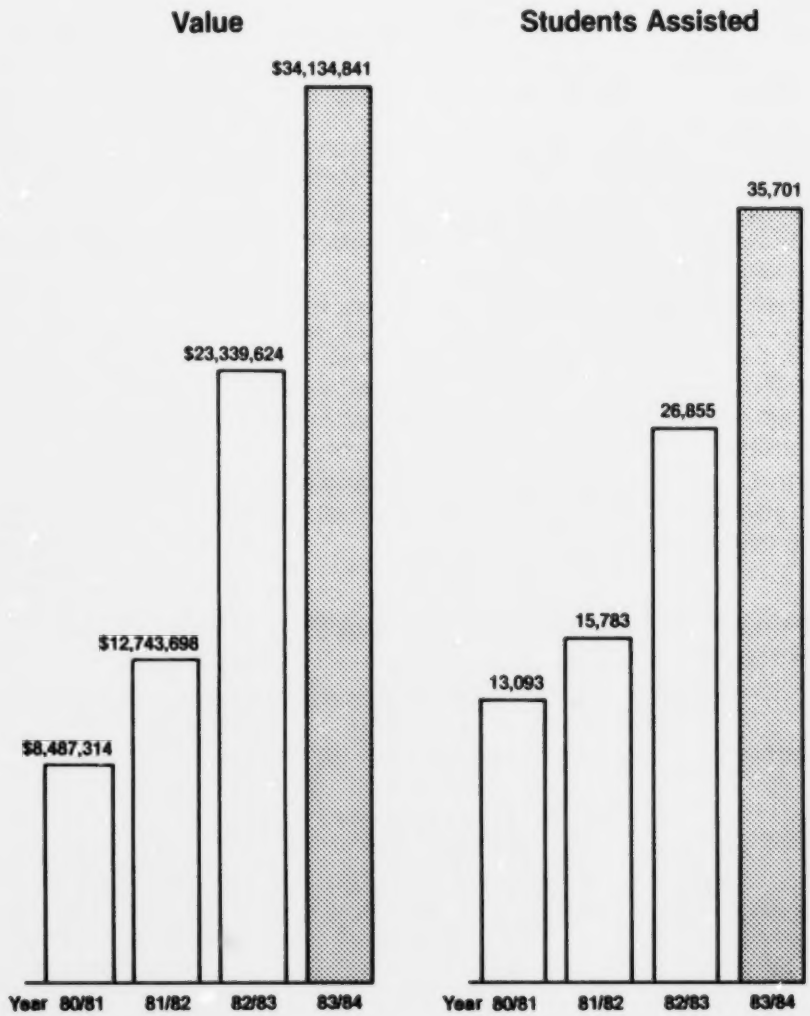
Generally, the province repays 50 per cent of all funds borrowed during the first year of study, 40 per cent of all funds borrowed during the second year and 25 per cent of all funds borrowed in subsequent years of study.

Applications for loan remission are available at credit institutions in Alberta and are submitted to the Students Finance Board by the student after consolidation of the student loans.

Remission payments are sent directly to the lending institution and applied to the student's outstanding loan obligations. In this manner, during 1983-84, 7,094 students received remission benefits which amounted to $8,633,467.

In 1983-84, 35,701 students were awarded remission amounting to $34,134,841 which will be issued upon graduation.

Summary of Remission Awarded 1981-1984



SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES GRANTS, AND PRIZES

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The aim of the United World Colleges is to demonstrate that education can be a force to unite nations. Students from seventy-four countries participate in the International Baccalaureate program at six United World Colleges located in Canada, Wales, the U.S.A., Singapore, Swaziland and Italy.

The Province of Alberta offers scholarships which provide two years of study at United World Colleges for Alberta students who have completed grade 11. These scholarships cover the cost of tuition, room and board, and one round trip between the student's home and the United World College.

In June of 1983, two of these scholarships were established to commemorate the visit to Alberta of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, who is President of the International Council of the United World Colleges. These scholarships, along with two others which were made available during the same period, brought the total number of United World College Scholarships available to young Albertans to eight. Since these scholarships are tenable for two years, it is possible for 16 Alberta students to be studying at United World Colleges at any one time.

There were 13 students, in 1983-84, who received United World College Scholarships amounting to a total expenditure of $145,283.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students who have achieved an average of not less than 80 per cent.
Value: $150

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PRIZES

Awarded to students registered in diploma or certificate programs at public colleges or institutes of technology.
Value: $150

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are registered as full-time students in graduate studies at the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary.
Value: Scholarships: $8,100 Fellowships: $9,300

BANFF CENTRE BURSARIES

Awarded to students enrolled in visual and performing arts programs at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education. These bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and past achievement in the subject matter being studied.
Value: cost of tuition

HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES

Awarded to junior and senior high school students on the basis of need.
Value: Up to $300

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

Awarded to adult high school students according to need and in conjunction with student loan assistance.
Value: Up to $600

EDUCATION OF SERVICEMEN'S CHILDREN BURSARIES

Awarded to the children of disabled war veterans in order to assist them in meeting their educational costs in grades 9 to 12 inclusive.
Value: Up to $300

PART-TIME BURSARIES

Awarded to students on the basis of need in order to cover the cost of tuition, books and materials, transportation, and child care costs.
Value: $300 per academic term

GRANTS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Grants are provided to students who are physically or mentally disabled and who, in the opinion of the Board, require extraordinary assistance not available through other programs.
Value: Up to $1,000 per semester

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students upon the recommendation of the Minister of Advanced Education or his delegate.
Value: Maximum of $8,000 per year plus tuition, books, and transportation costs and a $1,000 research allowance.

HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Awarded primarily to high school students who become ineligible for social assistance benefits because they have reached eighteen years of age.
Value: Up to $5,000

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIPS IN CANADIAN STUDIES

Awarded to students in the final year of an undergraduate degree program which focuses primarily or uniquely on aspects of Canadian culture or problems significant to Canada.
Value: $1,000

FILM INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANTS

Awarded to

a) individuals already established within the film industry who wish to further develop their skills, and

b) individuals who have achieved advanced status within the industry who wish to pursue further formal training.

Value: a) up to $5,000 b) up to $13,000

RETURN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

VOCATIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students in the vocational teacher certification program who intend to be employed by a school board in Alberta upon graduation.
Value: Up to $20,000 per academic year

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARIES

A return-service program provided, primarily, to students raised in northern Alberta who will be employed in northern Alberta on completion of their studies.
Value: Up to $3,500 if single
Up to $5,600 if married

TEACHERS OF THE DISABLED GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students enrolled in full-time graduate programs in areas related to the teaching of disabled persons.
Value: Up to $10,000

SUMMARY OF TOTAL AWARDS

	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants	$ 3,871,450	$ 4,713,780	$ 8,350,894
Supplemental Assistance Grants	1,430,695	4,631,026	12,310,846
Maintenance Grants	1,551,591	3,187,390	6,835,614
Guaranteed Provincial Loans	19,172,316	37,450,333	36,201,232
Canada Student Loans	29,192,845	42,979,345	82,638,628
Remission Awards	12,743,698	23,339,624	34,134,841
World College Scholarships	79,559	80,196	145,283
Province of Alberta Scholarships	204,450	197,700	176,700
Province of Alberta Prizes	137,250	149,400	136,650
Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships	548,863	626, 830	833,495
Banff Centre Bursaries	14,980	14,790	20,340
High School Bursaries	70,924	88,050	105,391
Adult High School Grants	5,370	9,885	13,725
Education of Servicemen's Children Bursaries	2,500	2,927	5,644
Part-time Bursaries	32,757	125,237	263,873
Grants for Disabled Persons	4,210	16,490	23,355
Government of Alberta Scholarships	64,797	77,783	52,983
High School Maintenance Grants	350,517	1,034,644	1,582,342
Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in Canadian Studies	19,000	19,000	16,000
Film Industry Training Grants	12,975	12,142	22,227
Sundry Awards	16,811	29,600	63,568
Vocational Teacher Development Grants	947,752	900,270	308,000
Northern Development Council Bursaries	559,487	571,664	596,454
Teachers of the Disabled Grant	38,543	115,111	78,954
Bilingual Education Program:			
Teacher Bursaries	203,479	—	—
Second Language Fellowships	193,110	—	—
Travel Bursaries	2,027	—	—
Summer Language Bursaries	371,000	—	—
Interprovincial Second Language Monitor Program	222,000	—	—
Bursary Program for Francophones	10,000	—	—
Francophone Monitor Program	12,000	—	—
TOTAL	$ 72,086,956	$ 120,373,217	$ 184,917,039

APPENDIX 1
GUARANTEED PROVINCIAL LOANS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84
O/S Loans — Students in School	$ 27,237,244	$ 49,463,994	$ 62,447,678
— Graduates	13,974,667	16,891,300	22,804,960
	$ 41,211,911	$ 66,355,294	$ 85,252,638
Loans Issued	$ 19,172,316	$ 37,450,333	$ 36,201,232
No. of Certificates Negotiated Through Credit Institutions	18,508	35,576	34,122
Interest Paid to Banks	$ 2,091,537	$ 5,655,414	$ 8,131,585
Bank Claims Paid	$ 1,087,606	$ 1,447,610	$ 4,015,999

APPENDIX 2
APPEALS ACTIVITY

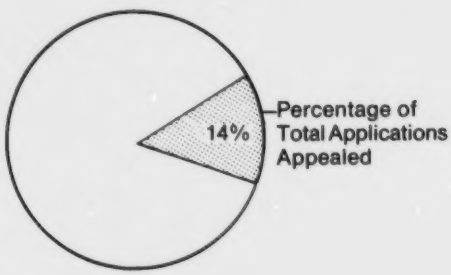
A student may initiate an appeal by writing a letter of explanation to the Students Finance Board. Subsequently, a counsellor will review the situation and may adjust the award within prescribed limits.

Appeals not resolved by this process are submitted, upon the student's request, to the Appeals Committees in either Edmonton or Calgary. Students are encouraged to appear before the Committees. Appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education, the Committees are comprised of members of the public and student representatives.

1983-1984 Appeals Activity

Total Number of Applications
37,247

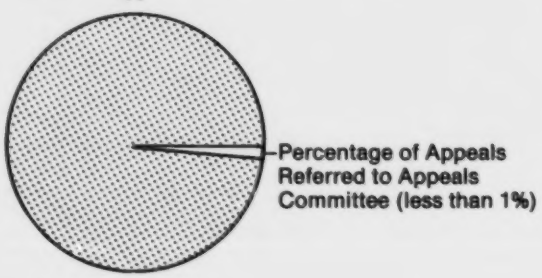
Total Number of Appeals
5,312



Total Number of Appeals
5,312

Number of Appeals Resolved by Counsellors
5,268

Number of Appeals Referred to the Appeals Committee
44



APPENDIX 3

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1984

Auditor's Report

Balance Sheet

Notes to the Financial Statement

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Students Finance Board

I have examined the balance sheet of the Students Finance Board as at March 31, 1984. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, this financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 1984 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

F.C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
December 21, 1984

Statement A

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1984

	1984	1983
ASSETS		
Cash	$300	$200
LIABILITIES		
Provincial Treasurer	$300	$200

The accompanying notes are part of this financial statement.

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1984

Note 1 Authority

The Students Finance Board operates under the authority of the Students Finance Act, Chapter S-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, and carries out the following activities:

(i) Issue of certificates of eligibility for loans to be guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act and the Canada Student Loans Act.

(ii) Authorization of the following types of expenditures:

(a) Grants, bursaries, fellowships and scholarships.
(b) Partial loan repayments on behalf of students.
(c) Interest on student loans guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(d) Implementation of guarantees pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(e) Administration expenses in connection with all of the activities of the Board other than the costs of accommodation and basic office equipment forming part of the general administration costs of the Department of Advanced Education.

(iii) Award of scholarships paid from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

Note 2 Expenditure

Expenditures authorized by the Board are paid by the Department of Advanced Education from funds appropriated by the Legislature to be used to provide financial assistance to students and to pay administration expenses. The expenditures authorized in respect of the year ended March 31, 1984 are summarized as follows:

	1984	1983
Grants and bursaries	$30,581,227	$15,385,981
Student loan repayments (a)	8,633,467	6,632,893
Interest payments on guaranteed loans	8,131,585	5,655,414
Implementation of guarantees	4,015,999	1,447,610
Fellowships and scholarships	1,361,111	1,217,934
Administration expenses	3,864,300	3,206,471
	$56,587,689	$33,546,303

Note 2 Expenditure (cont'd)

(a) The Board may authorize the repayment of a proportion of guaranteed loans on behalf of the student upon satisfactory completion of the student's educational program. It is estimated that future payments pertaining to loans outstanding as at March 31, 1984 will aggregate approximately $63,000,000 (1983 $38,000,000) of which approximately $42,000,000 (1983 $24,000,000) is applicable to loans guaranteed pursuant to the Canada Student Loans Act.

Note 3 Revenue

Fees earned for administering the issue of certificates of eligibility for loans to be guaranteed pursuant to the Canada Student Loans Act amounting to $540,234 (1983 $257,614) have been credited to the General Revenue Fund as revenue of the Department of Advanced Education.

Note 4 Contingent Liability

The Province has a contingent liability with respect to loan guarantees aggregating approximately $85,000,000 (1983 $66,000,000). At March 31, 1984 the maximum contingent liability permitted by the Students Loan Guarantee Act amounted to $100,000,000. This maximum limit has been subsequently increased to $150,000,000.

Note 5 Comparative Figures

The 1983 figures have been restated where necessary to conform to 1984 presentation.

Note 6 Approval of Financial Statement

This financial statement has been approved by management.